(c) The following steps have been taken to bring down the cost of production of fertilizers in general:

(i) Customs duty on import of capital goods for new fertiizer plants and revamping of old plants has been abolished w.e.f. 23.9.1992.

(ii) Railways freight on phosphatic fertilizers/raw materials and potash has been lowered w.e.f. 4.9.92.

(iii) Customs duty on import of phosphoric acid, which is a raw material for production of DAP, has been abolished w.e.f. 27.8.1992.

(iv) A scheme has been announced for refund of customs duty on plant and equipments imported for fertilizer plants/revamping projects which were commissioned on or after 1.1.1991 and a 3 per cent concession in the interest rate on term loans taken for such projects subject to the ultimate interest rate remaining 12 per cent or above.

(v) A scheme for giving import substitution incentives to encourage use of indigenous rock phosphate and iron pyrites has been announced in February, 1993. Among other companies, PPCL will be benefiting from this scheme as they use iron pyrites for manufacture of phosphatic fertilizers.

Besides, the Government has recently approved a capital restructuring scheme for PPL to bring the company out of the red.

Both HFC and FCI have been declared sick by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). Any action for revival of these two companies would depend on the outcome of the proceedings pending before the BIFR which is a quasi-judicial authority.

हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन का लक्ष्य

5826. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन ने न तो अपना कोई लक्ष्य ही निर्धारित किया है और न ही उसने लोक उद्यम ब्यूरो द्वारा जारी किये गये दिशा-निर्देशों का पालन किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस संबंध में जांच करने के बाद किसी अधिकारी पर कोई जिम्मेदारी तय की गई है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रसायन एवं उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एड्वर्डो फलेरो) : (क) से (ग) कम्पनी अपने विभिन्न एककों के संबंध में वार्षिक उत्पादन लक्ष्य निर्धारित कर रही है ।

लोक उद्यम ब्यूरो द्वारा जारी दिशा निर्देशों के संबंध में, यह उल्लेखनीय है कि सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों संबंधी समीति (सी०ओ०पी०यू०) ने अपनी 5वीं रिपोर्ट (1991–92) (दसवीं लोक सभा) में टिप्पणी की है कि कम्पनी के सूक्ष्म लक्ष्य तैयार करने के संबंध में बी.पी.ई. द्वारा जारी दिशा-निर्देशों का एच.एफ.सी. ने पालन नहीं किया है । अनुपालन में, कम्पनी ने 10–7–92 को ऐसे लक्ष्य तैयार किये और सी०ओ०पी०यू. द्वारा संबंधित पैरा को छोड़ दिया गया है ।

Amount from International Agencies Voluntary organisation for Bhopal Gas Victims

5827. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Miister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount which the Union Government and the Madhya Pradesh Government had receiv-

ed from various international agencies/voluntary organisations, both from abroad and within the country, at the time of Bhopal Gas Tragedy;

(b) what is the total amount disbursed to the gas victims;

(c) to what extent the amount was utilised for the help of gas victims;

(d) what were the schemes on which this amount was utilised;

(e) what amount is still pending; and

(f) what steps are being taken to utilise the pending funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (f) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Plants of Indo-Gulf Fertilizer and Chemicals Corporation

5828. SHRI AHMED MOHAMMEDBHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS (f) what steps are being taken to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Gulf Fertilizer and Chemical Corporation has identified and finalised 4 projects;

(b) if so, whether detailed financial plan has been completed;

(c) whether the Indo-Gulf is also planning to set up facilities for the manufacture of new generation technical grade pesticides with the capital outlay of 75 crores;

(d) whether marginal expansion of the Urea Plant is also being considered; and

(e) by when final implementation of these projects will take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) Indo-Gulf Fertilizers and Chemicals Corporation (IGFCC) have reported that they have identified the following four projects:

(i) Marginal expansion of ammonia|urea capacity for additional production of 1.21 lakh tonnes of urea per annum.

(ii) Manufacture of new generation environmentally friendly pesticides with an approximate capital outlay of Rs. 75.00 crores.

(iii) Paper-cum-Sugar Project.

(iv) Copper Smelter Project.

Some of these projects could be implemented either as part of Indo-Gulf or by floating a separate company jointly with other group companies. The company has reported that alternate financial plans for these projects have been drawn up.

Each of these projects is likely to have a gestation period of 24 to 36 months.

Prduction of Fertilizer

5829. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTLIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of fertilizer in the country during the periods from 1991 to 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details therefor, State-wise;

(c) whether the use of fertilizer in the country is increasing continuously;

(d) whether production of fertilizers plants has also increased;

(e) what measures Government have taken to improve fertilizer availability in the country;

(f) what are the special measures taken by Government to protect farmers' interest; and